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TO: All Medicare+Choice Organizations (MCOs)

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SUBJECT: **Launch of the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) Website**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has launched the Medicare Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) Website. This website is designed to provide current information on the HOS project as well as Medicare HOS related data and reports. The site includes the following sections: What's New, HOS Survey, HOS Reports, Published Reports, Public Use Files, Data User's Guides and Frequently Asked Questions. It is important to note that the HOS data is provided in an aggregate form to allow for viewing without the possibility of making individual associations.

The Medicare Health Outcomes Survey website can be located at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/surveys/hos>.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chris Haffer at 410-786-8764.